Exhibit B

Documents Filed in the State Court Action

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLINTON COUNTY MISSOURI

CORTEZ CODY,)
Individually And On Behalf Of)
All Others,)
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Plaintiffs,)
) Case No.:
VS.)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
LANCESOFT INC.,	
Registered Agent:)
National Registered Agents, Inc.)
4701 Cox Road, Ste. 285	
Glen Allen, VA 23060)
)
Defendant.)

PETITION

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Cortez Cody, by and through his attorneys, and on behalf of himself, the Putative Class set forth below, and in the public interest, brings the following class action Petition against Defendant, LanceSoft, Inc., LLC, ("Defendant"), pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

- 1. Plaintiff brings this action against Defendant for violations of the FCRA.
- 2. Defendant obtained information concerning the Plaintiff from a third party.
- 3. Defendant paid a fee to a third party for the information it obtained concerning the Plaintiff.
- 4. The information obtained from the third party concerning the Plaintiff was a Consumer Report (as a Consumer Report is defined pursuant to the FCRA).
- Defendant relies on information in Consumer Reports to make decisions regarding prospective or current employees.
- 6. Defendant relies on information in a Consumer Report, in whole or in part, as a

- basis for adverse employment action; such as a rescission of employment offer, refusal to hire and/or termination.
- 7. Plaintiff asserts FCRA claims against Defendant on behalf of himself and a class of Defendant's employees and prospective employees whose rights under the FCRA were violated.
- 8. On behalf of himself and all class members, Plaintiff seeks statutory damages punitive damages, costs and attorneys fees, and all other relief available pursuant to the FCRA

PARTIES

- 9. Plaintiff Cody is a resident of Kansas City, Missouri. Plaintiff is a member of the Putative Classes defined below.
- 10. Defendant is a foreign company doing business in Missouri and throughout the United States.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 11. This court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's FCRA claim pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681p and Article V, Section 14(a) of the Constitution of Missouri.
- 12. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to R.S.Mo. 508.010.2(4).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 13. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 14. Plaintiff applied online for employment with Defendant in of about December 2019.
- 15. Defendant made an offer of employment to the Plaintiff on or about December 9, 2019.

- 16. Plaintiff took and passed a drug tests.
- 17. The Defendant obtained a Consumer Report on the Plaintiff from A-Check Global.
- 18. Plaintiff received a phone call from an employee of the Defendant and was told that they offer of employment was being rescinded because of information in his consumer report.
- 19. Denying the Plaintiff a job because of information in his Consumer Report is an adverse action
- 20. Defendant did not give the Plaintiff a copy of his Consumer Report.
- 21. Defendant is aware of the FCRA.
- 22. Defendant has knowledge that it must comply with the FCRA.
- 23. Despite having knowledge of the requirements of the FCRA, Defendant failed to comply with the FCRA.
- 24. Defendant's failure to provide the Plaintiff with a copy of the Consumer Report, a reasonable notice period in which to address and/or challenge any information in the Consumer Report, or a written description of rights under the FCRA prior to the adverse action, constitutes multiple violations of the FCRA.
- 25. Defendant's violations of the FCRA combined with its knowledge of the requirements of the FCRA is evidence that the Defendant's violations were willful.
- 26. The manner in which the Defendant obtained a Consumer Report on the Plaintiff is consistent with its policies and procedures governing the procurement of Consumer Reports on individuals for employment purposes.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

- 27. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 28. Plaintiff asserts the following adverse action class defined as:

Proposed Adverse Action Class: All employees or prospective employees of Defendant that suffered an adverse employment action on or after May 7, 2018, that was based, in whole or in part, on information contained in a Consumer Report, and who were not provided a copy of the Consumer Report by the Defendant in advance of the adverse action.

Numerosity

29. The proposed class is so numerous that joinder of all class members is impracticable. Defendant regularly obtains and uses information in Consumer Reports to evaluate individuals for employment purposes. Defendant relies on the information contained it said Consumer Reports, in whole or in part, as a basis for adverse employment action. Given the number of employees working for and/or applying for employment with or through the Defendant, Plaintiff believes that during the relevant time period, a sufficient number of individuals would fall within the definition of the class.

Common Ouestions of Law and Fact

- 30. Virtually all of the issues of law and fact in this class action or, to the class predominate over any questions affecting individual class members. Among the questions of law and fact common to the class are:
 - a. Whether Defendant uses Consumer Report information to evaluate individuals for employment purposes;
 - b. Whether Defendant violated the FCRA by taking adverse action against Plaintiff and other members of the Adverse Action class on the basis of information in a Consumer Report, without first providing a copy of the

Consumer Report to the affected individuals;

- c. Whether the Defendant violated the FCRA by failing to provide the Plaintiff and other members of the Adverse Action Class with a reasonable amount of time to address any information within the Consumer Report prior to the adverse employment action;
- d. Whether Defendant's violations of the FCRA were willful;
- e. The proper measure of statutory damages and punitive damages.

Typicality

31. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the members of the proposed class. The FCRA violations suffered by Plaintiff are typical of those suffered by other class members. Defendant typically uses Consumer Reports to take adverse actions but fails to provide the consumer a copy of the report before taking an adverse employment action based on information contained in said report. The FCRA violations suffered by Plaintiff are typical of those suffered by other class members and the Defendant treated Plaintiff consistent with other Putative Class members in accordance with its standard policies and practices.

Adequacy of Representation

32. Plaintiff, as representative of the class, will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class and has no interest that conflict with or are antagonistic to the interest of the class members. Plaintiff has retained attorneys competent and experienced in class action litigation. No conflict exists between Plaintiff and members of the class.

Superiority

33. A class action is superior to any other available method for the fair and efficient adjudication this controversy, and common questions of law and fact

- overwhelmingly predominate over individual questions that may arise.
- 34. This case is maintainable as a class action under Rule 52 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure because prosecution of actions by or against individual members of the putative class would result in inconsistent or varying adjudications and create the risk of incompatible standards of conduct for Defendant. Further, adjudication of each individual class member's claim as a separate action will potentially be dispositive of the interest of other individuals not a party to such action, impeding their ability to protect their interests.
- 35. This case is maintainable as a class action under Rule 52 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure because Defendant has acted or refused to act on grounds that apply generally to the class, so that any final relief is appropriate respecting the class as a whole.
- 36. Class certification is also appropriate under Rule 52 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure because questions of law and fact common to the putative class predominate over any questions affecting only individual members of the putative class, and because a class action superior to other methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this litigation. Defendant's conduct described in this Complaint stems from common and uniform policies and practices, resulting in common violations of the FCRA. Members of the Putative Class do not have an interest in pursuing separate actions against the Defendant, as the amount of each class member's individual claims is small compared to the expense and burden of individual prosecution. Class certification also will obviate the need for unduly duplicative litigation that might result the inconsistent judgments concerning

Defendant's practices. Moreover, management of this action as a class action will not present any likely difficulties. In the interests of justice and judicial efficiencies, it would be desirable to concentrate the litigation of all putative class members' claims in a single forum.

37. Plaintiff intends to send notice to all members of the putative class to the extent required by Rule 52 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure. The names and address of the potential class members are available from Defendant's records.

FCRA VIOLATIONS

- 38. Plaintiff incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 39. Defendant obtained a "Consumer Report," as defined by the FCRA, concerning the Plaintiff.
- 40. Defendant used a Consumer Report, as defined by the FCRA, to take adverse employment action against Plaintiff, and on information and belief, other members of the adverse action class.
- 41. Defendant violated the FCRA by failing to provide Plaintiff, and other adverse action class members, with a copy of the Consumer Report that was used to take adverse employment action against them prior to the adverse action.
- 42. Defendant violated the FCRA by failing to provide the Plaintiff and other adverse action class members with a reasonable time to address any information or inaccuracies within the Consumer Reports prior to the adverse action.
- 43. Had Defendant complied with the FCRA, Plaintiff would have been given time to review, dispute, contest, and/or address the information contained in the Consumer Report.

- 44. Defendant did not provide the Plaintiff with a reasonable amount of time to review, dispute, contest, address and/or otherwise challenge any information that may have been present in the Consumer Report before taking an adverse action.
- 45. Defendant did not provide the Plaintiff with a FCRA Summary of Rights prior to the adverse action.
- 46. The Defendant's failure to provide the Plaintiff a copy of the Consumer Report or the FCRA Summary of Rights denied the Plaintiff a meaningful opportunity to address the information contained within the Consumer Report.
- 47. Defendant's failure to abide by the FCRA's notice provisions deprived the Plaintiff of required information and his right to address the information being used to deny his employment.
- 48. The foregoing violations were willful. Defendant acted in deliberate or reckless disregard of its obligations and rights of Plaintiff and other adverse action class members under the provisions of the FCRA. Defendant's willful conduct is reflected by, among other things, the following facts:
 - a. Defendant has access to legal advice;
 - b. Defendant committed multiple violations of the FCRA by not providing the Plaintiff with a copy of the Consumer Report, and not providing the Plaintiff with a reasonable notice period to address and/or cure any information before taking adverse employment action as mandated by the FCRA;
 - c. The Defendant has ignored regulatory guidance from FTC Informal Staff Opinions and the unambiguous language of the FCRA; and
 - d. 15 U.S.C. §1681-1681y, requires credit agencies to provide notice to users of Consumer Reports of the users legal obligations under the FCRA prior to the procurement of Consumer Reports.

- 49. Plaintiff and the proposed class members are entitled to statutory damages of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1000 for each and every one of these violations, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n(a)(1)(A).
- 50. Plaintiff and the proposed class members are also entitled to punitive damages for these violations, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n(a)(2).
- 51. Plaintiff and the proposed class members are further entitled to recover their costs and attorneys' fees, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1681n(a)(3).

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order for the following:

- a. An Order that this action may proceed as a class action under Rule 52 of the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure;
- b. Order designating Plaintiff as class representative and designating
 Plaintiff's counsel as counsel for the Putative Class;
- Order directing proper notice to be mailed to the Putative Classes at Defendant's expense;
- d. Order finding that Defendant committed multiple, separate violations of the FCRA;
- e. Order finding that Defendant acted willfully in deliberate or reckless disregard of Plaintiff's rights and its obligations of the FCRA;
- f. Order awarding statutory damages and punitive damages as provided the FCRA;
- g. Order awarding reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as provided by the FCRA; and

h. Order granting other and further relief, in law or equity, as this Court may deem appropriate and just.

Demand for Jury Trial

Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on all causes of action and claims with respect to which Plaintiff and all members of the proposed class have a right to jury trial.

By: /s/ C. Jason Brown

Charles Jason Brown MO 49952 Jayson A. Watkins MO 61434 Brown & Watkins LLC 301 S. US 169 Hwy Gower Missouri 64454

Tel: 816-505-4529 Fax: 816-424-1337

brown@brownandwatkins.com watkins@brownandwatkins.com ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

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FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiff requests that Defendant produce for inspection and copying the documents described below. Production shall be made at the office of Plaintiff's attorneys, C. Jason Brown and Jayson A. Watkins, Brown & Watkins LLC; 301 S. US 169 Hwy; Gower Missouri 64454, within the time prescribed by the applicable rules of civil procedure or at such other time and place as may be mutually agreed.

If there are documents responsive to any of the foregoing Requests which Defendant refuses to produce, please define or designate the documents in your Response with sufficient particularity, pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to allow us to make a motion for a court order to require production of these documents.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Plaintiff will object to the introduction at trial of any document which is not produced in response to the foregoing Requests and to any evidence about any requested document which has not been revealed by an appropriate response to this Request for Production of Documents.

Plaintiff will at the time of trial move the court for an order excluding from evidence all tangible or intangible things known to you at the time of your responses to these Requests and Interrogatories not disclosed in your response thereto.

REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

Request No. 1: Any and all documents the Defendant used to disclose to the Plaintiff that a consumer report would be procured for employment purposes.

Response:

Request No. 2: Any and all documents in which the Defendant received authorization from the Plaintiff to obtain a consumer report for employment purposes.

Response:

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ C. Jason Brown C. Jason Brown MO #49952 Jayson A. Watkins MO #61434 Brown & Watkins LLC 301 S. US 169 Hwy Gower Missouri 64454 Tel: 816-424-1390

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MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE PROCESS SERVER

Comes now Plaintiff, by and through counsel, and pursuant to Local Rule of Clinton County, hereby moves for the appointment of Jody Ashworth of HPS Process Service & Investigations, Inc., as private process server in the above captioned-matter. Plaintiff states that Jody Ashworth is over the age of 18 and is not a party to this action.

By: <u>/s/ C. Jason Brown</u>
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Jayson Watkins and hereby enters his appearance as counsel of record for Plaintiff and those similarly situated in the above captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Jayson A. Watkins Jayson A. Watkins MO #61434 Brown & Watkins LLC 301 S. US 169 Hwy Gower Missouri 64454 Tel: 816-424-1390

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ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE PROCESS SERVER

It is hereby ordered that Plaintiff's Motion for Appointment of Private Process Server is sustained and Jody Ashworth who is over the age of 18 and not a party to this action, of HPS Process Service & Investigations, Inc., is hereby appointed to serve process in the above captioned matter.

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	VS.	GOWER, MO 64454-9116	
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